

Princiotti, SYAP's beloved founder and conductor, who is retiring after 52 years.

Currently, SYAP runs eight different ensembles for a wide range of ages, including the advanced Young Artists Philharmonic, an intermediate level orchestra, a string ensemble, flute choirs, jazz groups, and a Summer Jazz Workshop that draws student musicians from around the country.

SYAP has become closely connected to the Stamford area community. Its members are artistic ambassadors, sharing their love of music as a common language and source of connection with all of Connecticut. Through both classical and jazz programming, the SYAP shares different styles of music in venues around Stamford—outreach through plush melodies and moving rhythms—holding performances, for example, at Stamford Town Center, such as the popular outdoor concert series, Jazz on the Plaza.

Committed to a strong tradition of giving back to the less fortunate, the SYAP has partnered with the Union Baptist Church in Stamford where, in exchange for rehearsal space, it held an annual holiday concert whose proceeds benefited the church's senior members. In addition, the Philharmonic partners with the Waterside School in their Outreach String Program, offering lessons to students who cannot afford instruments.

SYAP's level of musicianship is first-rate as demonstrated by its relationship with the Stamford Symphony, which mentors the young musicians, sharing performances and giving workshops. However, the surest indicator of the high level of musicianship is the leadership and 52 dedicated years of the enormously talented violinist and conductor, Maestro Princiotti.

Sal Princiotti, or "the Prince," as he is called by the orchestra members, has dedicated a half a century to enhancing the lives of young musicians, inspiring a passion for melody with specific performances as temporary goals, but with overall experience as his motivating principle. Mr. Princiotti brings enormous talent to the SYAP as a graduate of the Juilliard School and past soloist at Tanglewood Music Festival under world-renown conductors Leonard Bernstein and Charles Munch. In addition to founding and leading the SYAP, and conducting the Ridgefield Symphony and Stamford Symphony, Mr. Princiotti maintains a busy, private teaching practice and has directed the string programs for the Greenwich and Darien school systems.

Under Mr. Princiotti's baton, the SYAP has performed for many significant commemorations, including the New York World's Fair in 1964, the rededication of the Statue of Liberty, and a program for President George H.W. Bush. In addition to enriching our Nation's history, Mr. Princiotti has ensured that his groups of musicians give back to their country through annual holiday concerts at Grand Central Sta-

tion for AmeriCares. He has also expanded the horizons of the SYAP, bringing them to Italy in 2001 and 2006 on an international tour. He is the author of a book—*The Heart of Music*—which explores the art of music education.

I am in the company of many others who have demonstrated their appreciation of Mr. Princiotti. He was the 2000 recipient of the Film and Arts Bravo Network Award, the 1987 Stamford Community Arts Council Arts Award, and has been inducted into the Stamford High School Wall of Fame. Mr. Princiotti holds the keys to the City of Stamford, and is a most treasured member of the Stamford area and the State of Connecticut.

"The Prince's" final concert will be held on May 6, 2012, at the Palace Theater in Stamford, CT, where friends, family, alumni of the orchestra, and current young artists of this esteemed group will spend hours wrapped in melodic memory in celebration of more than 50 years of artistry, education, and true connection. At this event, a scholarship fund and chair will be dedicated in Mr. Princiotti's honor. I can say with certainty that there is no need for a chair for the Maestro to be remembered for decades to come.

ADDITIONAL STATEMENTS

TRIBUTE TO JEROME D. SCHNYDMAN

• Mr. CARDIN. Mr. President, today I wish to recognize Jerome D. Schnydmann who will be retiring on June 30 from Johns Hopkins University. Jerome has spent his adult years at Johns Hopkins, first as a student and All-American lacrosse player, graduating in 1967, then as an assistant lacrosse coach from 1968 until 1978, when he rose from assistant director to become the director of undergraduate admissions for the schools of Arts and Sciences and Engineering. He went on to serve as executive director of the Office of Alumni Relations and, most recently, as the secretary to the board of trustees and executive assistant to the president of Johns Hopkins.

If you count Jerome's stint as captain of the 1967 National Championship Lacrosse Team, he has served Johns Hopkins University for 4½ decades and he has done so with grace, intelligence, compassion, and distinction. He received the Alexander K. Barton Cup for "strong character, high ideals, and effective moral leadership" upon graduating. In 1998, he was inducted into the Johns Hopkins Athletic Hall of Fame. In 2003, he was inducted into the National Lacrosse Hall of Fame.

There will be 10 different disciplines at the University honoring Jerome Schnydmann for his distinguished service. That is no surprise: he has been the "go-to" guy for everyone and everything. Generations of Hopkins students, faculty, and staff on any of the

University's campuses—from Homewood to East Baltimore; from Bayview to SAIS in Washington, D.C.; from Bologna to Shanghai—all know of Jerome and the fine work he has done on their behalf and on behalf of the University. Whether someone works in the Homewood garage or is a Nobel Laureate exploring the cure for cancer, he or she counts Jerome as a friend. He has great respect for the institution, and especially for those who work each day to create and sustain the "Hopkins family."

I am proud to say that Jerome and his wife Tammy, a special education teacher, are personal friends. Their children—Becky and her husband Larry, and Andy and his wife Nancy—and their grandchildren—Sophie, Jason, Tucker, and Cassidy—are an integral part of Baltimore. When Jerome retires from Johns Hopkins University, he is excited about serving as the president of his synagogue, Beth El, and spending more time with his family and friends in Baltimore and Bethany Beach.

I ask my colleagues to recognize the enormous contributions that Jerome has made to the Johns Hopkins University and Baltimore communities and to wish him well in his well-deserved retirement.●

RECOGNIZING THE GELATO FIASCO

• Ms. SNOWE. Mr. President, in anticipation of the warm spring weather upon us and the long summer days ahead in my home State of Maine, our thoughts quickly turn towards fun in the sun and cool refreshing treats. Today, I rise to commend and recognize The Gelato Fiasco, located in Brunswick, ME, for developing and growing a niche market serving delectable frozen gelato treats while expanding and creating economic opportunities across the State.

In 2002, the founders of The Gelato Fiasco, Josh Davis and Bruno Tropeano, were students at Bentley University in Waltham, MA, and dreamed of starting their own company and becoming successful entrepreneurs. As the two students spent their time exploring various ventures, this team decided to open a homemade gelato store as a result of being dissatisfied with the gelato options available to them throughout the Northeast.

Made mostly from milk and sugar, gelato has less fat than standard ice cream and also contains less air, making the final product denser. Taking advantage of the small gelato market that existed with an estimated 1,500 gelaterias total in the United States Bruno and Josh saw an opportunity to market a superior version of the delicious Italian treat. Determined to serve a top quality gelato, The Gelato Fiasco features only the best local ingredients available.

In these uncertain economic times, as young entrepreneurs, Josh and

Bruno faced unique challenges while attempting to accomplish their dream and receive funding for their first store. Initially, they pursued loans from about 20 banks but were turned down by all of them. However, with persistence and determination, they were able to acquire a \$225,000 SBA-backed loan which covered the majority of their startup costs.

Their premier store, The Gelato Fiasco, opened in 2007, and has served more than 450 flavors since its start. Even with the complex challenges of trying to grow during these tough economic times, Bruno and Josh's initial success allowed them to garner additional support from Coastal Enterprises Inc., CEI, a local community development financial institution. CEI granted this small business a \$140,000 loan through a new crowdfunding initiative established by Starbucks CEO Howard Schultz called "Create Jobs for USA." The Gelato Fiasco utilized these critical funds to expand to a second location in Portland, ME, buy equipment, and hire at least 10 new employees to help staff it.

As this small firm continues to grow, introducing more customers to their gelato treat, the shop diligently produces 25 to 35 different flavors each morning in their store. Despite the tumultuous economy, Josh and Bruno remain focused on ensuring the fun-loving experience and quality of their gelato are consistent. Their remarkable vision has become a reality as their Italian style ice cream has continued to find its way throughout Maine and New England in various coffeehouses, restaurants, and grocery freezer cases.

Despite difficult economic times and the obstacles faced by young entrepreneurs, the dynamic duo of Bruno Tropeano and Josh Davis has clearly fostered a winning strategy. I am proud to extend my praise to Josh and Bruno and everyone at The Gelato Fiasco for their entrepreneurial spirit and successful company. I offer my best wishes for their future endeavors.●

MESSAGES FROM THE PRESIDENT

Messages from the President of the United States were communicated to the Senate by Mr. Pate, one of his secretaries.

EXECUTIVE MESSAGES REFERRED

As in executive session the Presiding Officer laid before the Senate messages from the President of the United States submitting sundry nominations which were referred to the appropriate committees.

(The nominations received today are printed at the end of the Senate proceedings.)

MESSAGE FROM THE HOUSE

At 10:58 a.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by

Mr. Novotny, one of its reading clerks, announced that the House has passed the following bills, in which it requests the concurrence of the Senate:

H.R. 491. An act to modify the boundaries of Cibola National Forest in the State of New Mexico, to transfer certain Bureau of Land Management land for inclusion in the national forest, and for other purposes.

H.R. 2157. An act to facilitate a land exchange involving certain National Forest System lands in the Inyo National Forest, and for other purposes.

H.R. 2947. An act to provide for the release of the reversionary interest held by the United States in certain land conveyed by the United States in 1950 for the establishment of an airport in Cook County, Minnesota.

MEASURES PLACED ON THE CALENDAR

The following bill was read the first and second times by unanimous consent, and ordered placed on the calendar:

S. 2366. A bill to extend student loan interest rates for undergraduate Federal Direct Stafford Loans.

MEASURES REFERRED

The following bills were read the first and the second times by unanimous consent, and referred as indicated:

H.R. 491. An act to modify the boundaries of Cibola National Forest in the State of New Mexico, to transfer certain Bureau of Land Management land for inclusion in the national forest, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

H.R. 2157. An act to facilitate a land exchange involving certain National Forest System lands in the Inyo National Forest, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

H.R. 2947. An act to provide for the release of the reversionary interest held by the United States in certain land conveyed by the United States in 1950 for the establishment of an airport in Cook County, Minnesota; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

EXECUTIVE AND OTHER COMMUNICATIONS

The following communications were laid before the Senate, together with accompanying papers, reports, and documents, and were referred as indicated:

EC-5807. A communication from the Acting Under Secretary of Defense (Acquisition, Technology and Logistics), transmitting, pursuant to law, Selected Acquisition Reports (SARs) for the quarter ending December 31, 2011 (DCN OSS 2012-0567); to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-5808. A communication from the Acting Under Secretary of Defense (Personnel and Readiness), transmitting a report on the approved retirement of Lieutenant General Marc E. Rogers, United States Air Force, and his advancement to the grade of lieutenant general on the retired list; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-5809. A communication from the Acting Under Secretary of Defense (Personnel and Readiness), transmitting a report on the approved retirement of Lieutenant General Richard Y. Newton III, United States Air

Force, and his advancement to the grade of lieutenant general on the retired list; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-5810. A communication from the Acting Under Secretary of Defense (Personnel and Readiness), transmitting a report on the approved retirement of Lieutenant General William T. Lord, United States Air Force, and his advancement to the grade of lieutenant general on the retired list; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-5811. A communication from the Acting Under Secretary of Defense (Personnel and Readiness), transmitting a report on the approved retirement of Lieutenant General Donald J. Hoffman, United States Air Force, and his advancement to the grade of lieutenant general on the retired list; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-5812. A communication from the Acting Under Secretary of Defense (Personnel and Readiness), transmitting the report of an officer authorized to wear the insignia of the grade of brigadier general in accordance with title 10, United States Code, section 777; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-5813. A communication from the Assistant Secretary of Defense (Legislative Affairs), transmitting legislative proposals and accompanying reports relative to the National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2013; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-5814. A communication from the Acting Assistant Secretary of Defense (Reserve Affairs), transmitting, pursuant to law, the 2011 annual report relative to the STARBASE Program; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-5815. A communication from the Secretary of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, a six-month periodic report on the national emergency with respect to the stabilization of Iraq that was declared in Executive Order 13303 of May 22, 2003; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-5816. A communication from the Secretary of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, a six-month periodic report on the national emergency declared in Executive Order 12978 of October 21, 1995, with respect to significant narcotics traffickers centered in Colombia; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-5817. A communication from the Assistant Secretary for Export Administration, Bureau of Industry and Security, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Addition of Certain Persons to the Entity List" (RIN0694-AF61) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on April 24, 2012; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-5818. A communication from the Director of Congressional Affairs, Office of Nuclear Regulatory Research, Nuclear Regulatory Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Condition-Monitoring Techniques for Electric Cables Used in Nuclear Plants" (Regulatory Guide 1.218) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on April 19, 2012; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-5819. A communication from the Director of Congressional Affairs, Nuclear Regulatory Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Interpretations; Removal of Part 8" (RIN3150-AJ02) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on April 19, 2012; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-5820. A communication from the Director of Congressional Affairs, Nuclear Reactor